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Earlier this month, the **Parks Department team** was recognized with three awards through the **Tennessee Recreation and Parks Association (TRPA) annual Four Star Awards**. The Four Star program recognizes excellence in five different categories. Our Parks team won three awards for:

- **Best Program** – for the **Growing Kids Educational Garden**, a partnership between Parks and the Franklin Farmer's Market Association that placed educational gardens at Harlinsdale.
- **Best New Facility** – for the new **Freedom Run Dog Park at Liberty Park**.
- **Best Renovation** – for the rehab (post flood) of **Fieldstone Park**. **A special thank you to the many folks from multiple departments that helped make this important rehabilitation a great success.**

Great job Parks Department and your many partners!

The **Wellness Team** has put together a tip sheet for employees wishing to run or walk in the upcoming **5K/3K Cross-Country Fun Run at Harlinsdale in November**. The **event on November 12th will benefit United Way of Williamson County**. If you are interested in participating in this event, please see the attached for some helpful suggestions. If you are new to a running or walking program, the thought of participating in an event like this can be a little intimidating but many useful resources can be found online including 5K training schedules. You can even download a 5K training app for your phone. With so many options available, you are sure to find a program that allows you to train at your own pace.

Don't forget Monday is the deadline for the **slogan/logo contest for the Wellness Program**. If you are interested, please submit your entry to Tammie Pitts at tammie.pitts@franklintn.gov or Tracy Harness at tracyh@franklintn.gov or deliver to the HR Department by 4:00 p.m. Monday, October 24th.

Remember our **Justin Bieber** event a few weeks back. The video premiered on MTV this week. For a look at the Christmas Video filmed on our own Main Street go to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LUjn3RpkcKY>. Again thanks to our events team, the Franklin Police Department, Street Department and Solid Waste for helping to put Franklin's Main Street on the international map in this pop star's video!

Our **Communications Manager, Milissa Reiersen** was invited to speak on a social media panel at the **American Society of Engineers Annual Conference in Memphis**. Milissa will be in good company on the panel with Anthony Fasano, P.E., CEO of Powerful Purpose

Associates; Scott Harris, Director of Public Affairs with the US Army Corps of Engineers; Nancy Gruwell, Vice President Marketing Services, HDR, Inc; and Brian Williams, Executive Director of Hands on Nashville. Milissa will discuss the City's experience with social media and the affects of a recent facebook forum we held online regarding City water issues. **Eric Gardner** referred Milissa to the Conference Committee.

Ann Murphy in Revenue Management is the winner for the Mayor's spot next week. **Therese Carrier** nominated **Ann all the way back in March.** (So your nominations stay in the basket until they are drawn) Therese said, *"I nominate Ann Murphy in Revenue Management. Ann has been sick with bronchitis and on two rounds of medication, but she has been here to make sure all the Property Tax and Tax Relief things have been taken care of. This is the end of the month and Property Tax is due and there is a lot to be done during this time. I think she deserves Employee of the Month."* Thank goodness Ann is now better and getting the parking spot she deserves! **Ann will begin parking in the Mayor's spot on Monday, October 24. We are getting short on nominations! If you have you seen someone doing a good job? Nominate them at agoodjob@franklintn.gov .**

Employees are invited to participate in the City's first **5k Cross Country Fun Run and K-9 Expo at The Park at Harlinsdale Farm at 239 Franklin Road across from the Factory, Saturday, November 12.** The 5k includes a 5k run and dog dash, and a 3k walk and K-9 cruise. Pre-registration will take place Friday, November 11th from 7:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. at The Park at Harlinsdale Farm. Registration is \$20.00 per person with or without dog; \$15.00 for kids 12 and under; or \$50.00 for family or organization groups (up to four). Walkers with or without their K-9 cruisers will pay a \$10.00 registration fee. All dogs must be kept on leash. There will be a \$5.00 fee if you register the day of the event. All proceeds will go to **United Way**. Registration forms and course maps are available at <http://www.franklintn.gov/index.aspx?page=141>



The City of Franklin Health and Wellness Team is launching a **logo and slogan contest** for the Wellness Program. The objective is to come up with a logo and a slogan to be used on correspondences and giveaways for Wellness Programs and events. A prize will be given to the employee(s) whose entry is selected. If you are interested, please submit your entry to Tammie Pitts at tammie.pitts@franklintn.gov or Tracy Harness at tracyh@franklintn.gov or deliver to the HR Department. Please submit your entry by 4:00 p.m. Thursday, October 20th.

The Employee **Halloween Party** is on **Monday, October 31st** from **2 p.m. to 4 p.m.** in the **City Hall Board Room**. Please bring your kids so they can trick or treat through each department! Employees are welcome to participate in a Halloween costume contest and the competition is hot this year...lots of secrets being held and some great ideas from some departments. But they have a high standard to live up to from last year's competition. Prizes will be awarded for best individual costume and best group costume. Please go to Inside the City for details and guidelines. Here are some of pics from last year to get you in



the spooking mood.



Attention COF Moms & Dads and those who want to get rid of GENTLY USED clothing of any size, children and adults. (Shoes and accessories too) A committee has met about the COF Clothing swap and has decided to do the event November 4th in the City Hall

Training Room from 11-1pm. Please bring your GENTLY USED clothes and toys and place them on the tables according to size that morning before 11am. If you bring 10 items, you will be allowed to take 10 items and so on with a maximum of 20. We'll then have a free-for-all at 2pm for whatever is left over and who-ever wants to come. If anything is left after that, we will take it to a local charity. Remember this is a clothing swap, there are no guarantees if you bring 10 items you will find 10 items to your liking. Please email Milissa.reierson@franklintn.gov with the sizes you are bringing and we will let employees know what will be available before November 4. Please do not bring stained clothing.

This weekend, The **Parks Department Family Day** is taking place tomorrow at The **Park at Harlinsdale Farm from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** There will be horse demonstrations put on by the Friends of Franklin Parks, LLC. Also hayrides, train rides, music, brats and hot dogs and more. For details go to <http://www.franklintn.gov/index.aspx?recordid=1088&page=25>.

Also the **Franklin Fire Department** will be at **Famous Daves in Cool Springs from noon-4pm** with apparatus demonstrations and information for both children and adults on how to prevent fires and how to stay safe when a fire occurs. The event is part of the department's **October Fire Prevention Month activities**. Read more here. <http://www.franklintn.gov/index.aspx?recordid=1122&page=25>

Thank you for all you do, enjoy your weekend.

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